(c) The average quantity of foodgrains stored in CAP (open) are as under:—

(Fig. in Lakh Tonnes)

Year	Average Qty. of Foodgrains Stored
1999-2000	31.94
2000-2001	51.00
2001-2002 (upto 1.3.2002)	65.34

Increase in Food Subsidy

†2673. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that amount of food subsidy has increased from March, 1998 to March, 2002;

(b) if so, the amount given by Government to Food Corporation of India for the year ending March, 1998; and

(c) the projected amount of subsidy for the year ending March, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount given by Government of India to Food Corporation of India for the year ending March, 1998 is Rs. 7500 crore including Rs. 28 crore for West Bengal for distribution of rice under decentralized procurement scheme.

(c) The actual amount of subsidy released to Food Corporation of

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India for the year ending March, 2002 is Rs. 16724 crore.

Change in Prices of Foodgrains

†2674. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased and decreased the prices of foodgrains being sold through the Public Distribution System from March, 1998 to March, 2002;

(b) if so, the instances when prices were increased and decreased alongwith increase and decrease thereof, separately; and

(c) the reasons for increasing and decreasing the prices time and again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The revision in the Central Issue Prices (CIPs) of wheat and rice and the reasons for increase/ decrease are given below:

CIP of wheat
(Rs. per quintal)

Date	BPL		APL		Reason
	From	To	From	To	
1	2	3	4	5	6
28.1.99	250	350	450	650	Due to increase in the Minimum Support Price.
29.1.99	350	250	650	650	On the demand of State Governments, the increase in the BPL price was rolled back.
1.4.99	250	250	650	682	To reduce the subsidy.

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